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SUBJ: JAPAN TUNA'S PROBLEMS WITH ECUADOR

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH CONGEN, YUKIO UNO DE GRACIA OF UNO SHOKAI, S.A., PANAMA, DESCRIBED PROBLEMS THAT JAPAN TUNA OF TOKYO, AND ITS PANAMA SUBSIDIARY, ARE HAVING WITH ECUADOREAN RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN FLAG FISHING. UNO CLAIMS THAT JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS DECIDED NOT TO INTERVENE REGARDING JAPANESE FLAG TUNA VESSELS SO HE, ON BEHALF OF JAPAN TUNA, SEEKING RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS. CLAIMS TO HAVE MET WITH NO SUCCESS.

2. BY FAR BIGGEST PROBLEM FOR JAPANESE TUNA FLEET IS GOE CLAIM TO 40 MILE EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE RESERVED FOR ECUADOREAN VESSELS. JAPANESE BOATS, ALL LONG-LINERS, BARRED FROM THIS ZONE EVEN THOUGH MATRICULA AND LICENSE

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PURCHASED. JAPAN TUNA HAS SUGGESTED TO GOE AUTHORITIES

THAT IT WILLING TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT IN NATIONAL FISHING INDUSTRY IF 40 MILE RESTRICTION EASED BUT HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE TO THESE OVERTURES. UNO STATES THAT HE WILL RECOMMEND TO JAPAN TUNA THAT ITS VESSELS AVOID ECUADOREAN WATERS FOR ONE YEAR IN HOPE THAT LOSS OF REVENUE FROM SALE OF MATRICULAS AND LICENSES WILL CONVINCE GOE THAT 40 MILE ZONE RESTRICTIONS SHOULD BE MODIFIED.

3. ACCORDING TO UNO, JAPAN TUNA IS FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S COOPERATIVES REPRESENTING ALL OF NATION'S 1,300 TUNA VESSELS WHICH RANGE IN SIZE FROM 10 TO 1,000 NRT. HE STATES THAT JAPAN TUNA OF PANAMA WILL HOST TUNA CONFERENCE IN PANAMA JULY 1-4. REPS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS OF FISHING INDUSTRIES OF MANY COUNTRIES TO BE INVITED BUT EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON NATIONS BORDERING EASTERN PACIFIC IN HOPE OF FINDING SOLUTION TO JAPAN TUNA'S PROBLEMS IN THIS REGION.
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